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Mrs. James R. O'Connor

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Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

Thank you very much for your letter of 1 September 1960 expressing your concern regarding the methods used to screen individuals for employment in this and other sensitive agencies of the Government.

While I have the responsibility for maintaining high standards in the employment of our personnel, I am sure you will understand it would not be appropriate for me to comment upon the individual cases that you mention or to describe in detail the various screening processes which are applied. I should also like to point out that this Agency did not come into being until 18 September 1947 when it was established by the National Security Act of 1947 and that [redacted] was employed during World War II by another agency.

I can assure you that CIA screening processes have been carefully developed and are under constant study to make them as effective as possible.

Your kind remarks about our work are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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**Allen W. Dulles**  
Director

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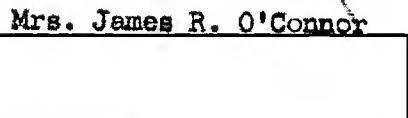
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Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

Thank you very much for your letter of 1 September 1960 expressing your concern regarding the methods used to screen individuals for employment in this and other sensitive agencies of the Government.

As the Director of Central Intelligence, I have the responsibility for maintaining high standards in the employment of our personnel. As you can appreciate, it would not be appropriate for me to comment upon the individual cases that you mentioned or to describe in detail the various screening processes which are applied. However, I might point out that the CIA did not come into being until 18 September 1947 when it was established by the National Security Act of 1947 and that [redacted] was employed during World War II by another agency.

I want to assure you that our screening processes have been carefully developed and are under constant study to make them as effective as possible.

Your kind remarks about our work are appreciated.

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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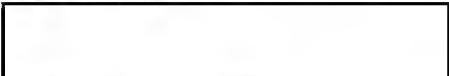
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Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

Thank you very much for your letter of 1 September 1960 expressing your concern regarding the methods used to screen individuals for employment in this and other sensitive agencies of the Government.

You may be sure that I appreciate the heavy responsibility which I and the heads of other agencies have for maintaining severe and strict standards in the employment of personnel. You will understand that it would be inappropriate for me to comment upon the individual cases which you have mentioned or to describe in detail the various screening processes which are applied. I can only assure you that these processes have been most carefully developed and are under constant study to make them as effective as possible.

Your kind remarks about our work are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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